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1. By 15 October 1951, the cost of constructing the new southern section of the Berlin outer freight ring had exceeded by 16,000,000 DM East the 20,000,000 DM East proposed for the project. Although the southern section has been in use since August 1951, much final work remains to be done, and the cost will ultimately rise above the 30,000,000 DM East already spent. Reichsbahn Director-General Erwin Kramer has been asked by the Soviet Control Commission to explain the large discrepancy between proposed and actual costs. Kramer, in turn, has called in the RBD Dresden auditing office to study the situation and report its findings.
2. A large number (exact figure unknown) of the trained personnel of the RBD Berlin auditing office has been dismissed. The RBD Dresden auditors have been assigned to the year-end audit of RBD Berlin books.
3. Willi Gottschalk, 39 years of age, is the president of RBD Dresden. He spent the Nazi period and the war years in the Soviet Union. Vice president of RBD Dresden is (fnu) Arndt, formerly of Berlin. The Soviet Control Commission representative at RBD Dresden is General (fnu) Koscachenko, generally respected, even by non-SED personnel, for his objectivity in railroad matters.

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